

from the N-methyl, N-ethyl, N-propyl, ~~N-benzyl~~, and C<sub>α</sub>-methyl derivatives and the methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, tert-butyl, neopentyl or benzyl esters of the side chain carboxyl group. --

26. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is Gly.
27. A compound according to claim 20, wherein A is Gly.
28. A compound according to claim 1, wherein, in formula II, n is 2, m is 1, R<sup>1</sup> is H, and R<sup>2</sup> is H.
29. A compound according to claim 20, wherein, in formula II, n is 2, m is 1, R<sup>1</sup> is H, and R<sup>2</sup> is H.
30. A compound according to claim 1, wherein C is -CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-, -CO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-, or -CO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-.
31. A compound according to claim 20, wherein C is -CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-, -CO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-, or -CO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-. --